

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 208

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Patrick Bourn, the
2020–2021 Franklin Special School District
Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Bourn is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a music teacher at Franklin Elementary School, Mr. Bourn was recently named the 2020–2021 Franklin Special School District Elementary School Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor for his tenure as an educator, as it recognizes the positive influence he has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Patrick Bourn has stepped up and led the way in remote learning in his district; he has utilized GarageBand software and a borrowed mixer to compile clips of his students singing at home to create a virtual concert; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bourn also enhanced his remote-learning classrooms by inviting professional musicians and community partners to join in the virtual experience; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Bourn is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously throughout his career in education to motivate his students, fellow teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bourn truly serves as an inspiration to the faculty and staff at Franklin Elementary School, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Bourn epitomizes the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Patrick Bourn on being chosen as the 2020–2021 Franklin Special School District Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.